




## COUNCILMEMBER CARL DeMAIO

FIFTH DISTRICT  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 27, 2011  
TO: Mayor Jerry Sanders  
FROM: Councilmember Carl DeMaio   
RE: Taxpayer Funded Cell Phone Usage

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As part of his efforts to address State budgetary shortfalls, Governor Jerry Brown has proposed a significant reduction in taxpayer-funded cell phone usage by state employees.

His executive order states, in part, that<sup>1</sup>:

*"...all State agency secretaries and department directors, in consultation with the Department of Finance and any of its designees, document and review all authorized cell phone and smart phone procurement and related phone, data, internet and other usage plans for and by their employees and identify and implement, by June 1, 2011, cuts sufficient to meet or exceed a 50 percent reduction in the number of cell phones and smart phones for which the State is currently responsible and achieve at least \$20 million in savings."*

#### **Requested Action:**

I request that the Mayor provide the City Council with an analysis of the cost to the city for employee cell phone usage to allow the Council and IBA to ascertain whether a significant reduction may represent an opportunity to generate budgetary savings.

cc: City Councilmembers  
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst

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<sup>1</sup> See Executive Order B-1-11.